

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) There is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education at Higher Secondary level. This was introduced during 1987-88

Expansion of HM, Ahmedabad

† 449. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the plan to increase number of seats and expansion of Departments in HM, Ahmedabad has already been approved;

(b) if so, by when this expansion would be enforced;

(c) whether Government also propose similar increase in the seats in other Indian Institutes of Technology; and

(d) if so, whether these seats would be increased with effect from next session?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) The Oversight Committee on the Implementation of the New Reservation Policy in Higher Educational Institutions has recommended that all Centrally funded institutions of higher learning should fully implement the proposed 27% reservation of seats for OBCs within a maximum period of 3 years, if not earlier, beginning from the year 2007-08 along with expansion in capacity so that the present level of seats available to general category students is maintained/According to the Detailed Project Report prepared by Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, regarding their expansion plan, the HM, Ahmedabad proposes to increase the total in-take of students in Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGP) and Post Graduate Programme in Agri-Business Management (PGP-ABM) over the next 3 years. Other similar placed Centrally funded institutions of higher learning, including the Indian Institutes of Technology, also propose to increase their seats from the next academic session.

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